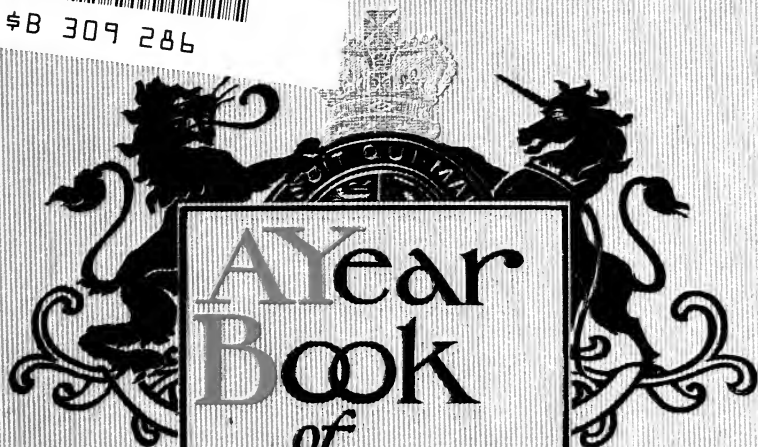


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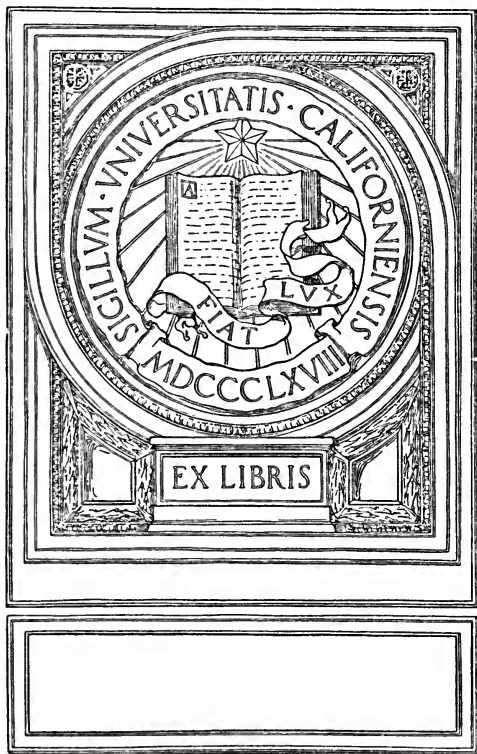
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COLONIAL TIMES

January 1

- 1673 The first Postal Service was established to go between New York and Boston, monthly.

Sirrah, what tidings? Have you any letters?
SHAKESPEARE.

January 2

- 1646 The New Amsterdam Council brought charges against their minister, Dominie Bogardus.

Every man of true genius has his peculiarity.
DICKENS.

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January 3

- 1749 Date of the Charter of Bennington, Vermont.

He who first met the Highlands swelling blue,
Will love each peak that shows a kindred hue ;
Hail in each crag a friend's familiar face,
And clasp the mountain in his mind's embrace.

BYRON.

January 4

- 1689 Henry Sloughter was commissioned Royal Governor of New York on the eve of the Leisler troubles, but did not arrive until March, 1691.

Though usurpers sway the rule a while,
Yet heavens are just and time suppresseth
wrong.

SHAKESPEARE.

January 5

- 1770 The New York Council passed an Act for issuing Bills of Credit.

'T is necessity
To which the gods must yield ; and I obey
Till I redeem it by some glorious way.

BEAUMONT and FLETCHER.

January 6

- 1759 Washington was married to Mistress Martha Custis.

Honest company, I thank you all,
That have beheld me give away myself
To this most patient, sweet, and virtuous wife.

SHAKESPEARE.

January 7

- 1699 Treaty of Peace ratified between Massachusetts and the Sagamores of the Maine Indians.

Peace hath her victories,
No less renowned than war.

MILTON.

January 8

- 1755 The Town Meeting of Sharon, Mass., as the custom long had been, took action on the salary of their minister.

There goes the parson, oh, illustrious spark !
And there, scarce less illustrious, goes the clerk.

COWPER.

January 9

- 1621 A meeting at Plymouth was held which determined the manner and division of labour in building the town : "The germ and bud of the N. E. Town Meeting."

Great results are oft the issue of small occasions.

A. PHELPS.

January 10

- 1676 Relief troops arrived at Narragansett to succour the survivors of the "Great Swamp Fight."

When the blast of war blows in our ears,
Then imitate the action of the tiger :
Stiffen the sinews, summon up the blood.

SHAKESPEARE.

January 11

- 1676 The Council ordered that the Night Watch be set at 8 P.M. in New York City.

When night
Darkens the streets, then wander forth the sons
Of Belial, flown with insolence and wine.

MILTON.



January 12

- 1676 The Indian Sachems in New England proposed a month's truce, which the Colonists refused.

And be these juggling fiends no more believed
That palter with us in a double sense :
That keep the word of promise to our ear,
And break it to our hope.

SHAKESPEARE.

January 13

- 1768 An Act was passed in New York to relieve the city of expense by the speedy trial of offenders.

The hungry judges soon the sentence sign,
And wretches hang, that jurymen may dine.

POPE.

January 14

- 1639 Connecticut adopted a Constitution of its own, the first Colonial Constitution framed by Americans.

Law is the embodiment of the moral sentiment of the people.

BLACKSTONE.

January 15

- 1674 Provisional Charter granted to New Orange by Gov. Colve, after New York was recommitted to the Dutch in 1673.

The magistrates shall take care that the Reformed Christian Religion, conformable to the Synod of Dordrecht, shall be maintained.

CHARTER.

January 16

- 1771 The sexton of the South Church in Boston was ordered to remove the foot-stoves after service, to prevent fire.

Fire that's closest kept burns most of all.

SHAKESPEARE.

January 17

- 1706 Benjamin Franklin was born in Boston.

Statesman, yet friend to truth ; of soul sincere,
In action faithful, and in honour clear.

POPE.

January 18

- 1770 Battle of Golden Hill, Mass. First blood shed in defence of American Colonial rights.

We must be free or die, who speak the tongue
that Shakespeare spake ; the faith and morals
hold which Milton held.

WORDSWORTH.

January 19

- 1621 John Goodman of Plymouth encountered
two great wolves, which he withstood
“ with a stick and a pale-board.”

True courage is calm and cool.

SHAFTESBURY.

January 20

- 1661 Solomon La Chair was appointed the
first Public Notary of New Amsterdam.

Go with me to the notary ; seal me there
Your single bond.

SHAKESPEARE.

January 21

- 1621 The Pilgrims held their first full Sunday meeting on shore, most of the town of Plymouth being built.

Without a Sabbath, no worship ; without worship, no religion ; and without religion, no permanent freedom.

MONTALEMBERT.

January 22

- 1689 The Grand Council of Indians at Onondaga formed an alliance with the English against Canada.

Give him all kindness :

I had rather have

Such men my friends, than enemies.

SHAKESPEARE.

January 23

- 1707 Petition presented to New York Council for a second Ferry to Long Island.

A boat, a boat ! haste to the ferry,

And we 'll go over, and make merry.

Old English Glee.

January 24

- 1764 Harvard College Library was destroyed by fire.

My library was dukedom large enough.
SHAKESPEARE.

January 25

- 1659 The West India Company was allowed to traffic in slaves, by a commission given to the ship *Oak Tree*.

Disguise thyself as thou wilt, still, Slavery,
thou art a bitter draught.

STERNE.

January 26

- 1679 La Salle laid the keel of the first vessel built in western waters, six miles above Niagara.

The world owes all its onward impulses to men
ill at ease.

HAWTHORNE.



January 27

- 1676 The Connecticut troops under Major Treat arrived at Narragansett for the second campaign against King Philip.

War is a terrible trade ; but in the cause that is
righteous

Sweet is the smell of powder.

LONGFELLOW.

January 28

- 1676 Gov. Winslow marched against the Narragansetts after the "Great Swamp Fight," in the second campaign.

A thousand glorious actions that might claim
Triumphant laurels and immortal fame,
Confus'd in crowds of glorious actions lie,
And troops of heroes undistinguished die.

ADDISON.

January 29

- 1621 Death of Rose Standish, wife of the Captain of Plymouth.

Yonder there on the hill by the sea, lies buried
Rose Standish,
Beautiful rose of love, that bloomed for me by
the wayside.

She was the first to die of all who came in the
Mayflower.

LONGFELLOW.

January 30

1649 Charles the First was beheaded.

Everything that happens in the world is part of
a great plan of God running through all time.

BEECHER.

January 31

1747 Battle of Minas, Grand Pré, Nova Scotia.

Those that fly may fight again,
Which he can never do that 's slain.

BUTLER.

February 1

- 1775 A Provincial Congress met at Philadelphia.

Let us have a Government, by which our lives,
liberties, and properties will be secured.

WASHINGTON.

February 2

- 1653 New York City was incorporated as New Amsterdam.

Our hearts, our hopes, are all with thee,
Our hearts, our hopes, our prayers, our tears,
Our faith triumphant o'er our fears,
Are all with thee—are all with thee.

LONGFELLOW.

February 3

- 1676 The Connecticut forces returned home after the "Great Swamp Fight."

Rest is sweet after strife.

OWEN MEREDITH.

February 4

- 1714 The Justices and Vestrymen of New York refused to pay the Rev. Mr. Vesey's salary, because he had left the city temporarily without their permission.

Justice, while she winks at crimes
Stumbles on innocence sometimes.

BUTLER.

February 5

- 1631 The ship *Lyon* from Bristol, Eng., arrived at Boston, with Roger Williams, and supplies for the Colony.

Heaven hath a hand in these events,
To whose high Will be bound our calm contents.

SHAKESPEARE.

February 6

- 1697 First Service was held in the first Trinity Church, New York.

I love the Church, the holy Church
That o'er our life presides,
The birth, the bridal, and the grave
And many an hour besides.

COXE.

February 7

- 1775 Parliament declared Massachusetts to be in Rebellion.

Now let it work : Mischief, thou art afoot.
Take thou what course thou wilt.

SHAKESPEARE.

February 8

- 1690 Indian Massacre of the town of Schenectady.

Murder may pass unpunished for a time,
But tardy justice will o'ertake the crime.

DRYDEN.

February 9

- 1674 New York was surrendered by treaty to the English, for the second time.

England, our Mother's Mother ! Come and see
A greater England here ! O come and be
At home with us, your children, for there runs
The same blood in our veins as in your sons'.

STODDARD.

February 10

- 1763 Canada, the West Indies, Florida, Louisiana, Acadia, Cape Breton, etc., were confirmed to England by the Treaty of Paris.

Who seeks, and will not take when once 't is
offered,

Shall never find it more.

SHAKESPEARE.

February 11

- 1732 The Birthday of George Washington, as observed during his life.

Until time shall be no more, will a test of the
progress which our race has made in wisdom
and in virtue be derived from the veneration
paid to the immortal name of WASHINGTON.

LORD BROUGHAM.

February 12

- 1704 The first Quaker Meeting House was allowed to be built in New York.

The Quaker of the olden time,
How calm and firm and true !
Unspotted by its wrong and crime
He walked the dark earth through.

WHITTIER.

February 13

- 1652 The Amsterdam Directors favour a league of the New Netherlands with New England against the Indians.

It is a maxim, founded on the universal experience of mankind, that no nation is to be trusted further than it is bound by its interests.

WASHINGTON.

February 14

- 1682 A party of French and Indians under La Salle embarked on the Mississippi River.

A brave soul is a thing which all things serve.

ALEX. SMITH.

February 15

- 1694 The first book was printed in New York.

A book ! O rare one !

Be not, as in our fangled world, a garment
Nobler than that it covers.

SHAKESPEARE.

February 16

- 1683 The first Court of Chancery was held in
New York.

Justice is the great standing policy of civil
society.

BURKE.

February 17

- 1621 Myles Standish was chosen as Captain of
the Plymouth forces.

Stern as a soldier might be, but hearty and
placable always.

Great of heart, magnanimous, courtly, cour-
ageous.

LONGFELLOW.

February 18

- 1676 Major Walderne held a parley with the
Indians at Maquoit, Maine.

Trust none ;

For oaths are straws, men's faiths are wafer-
cakes

And hold-fast is the only dog.

SHAKESPEARE.

February 19

- 1691 A pillory, cage, and ducking-stool were
ordered built in New York City.

For each particular crime a strict account will
be exacted.

MASSINGER.

February 20

- 1633 David De Vries arrived at Fort Nassau,
and became Patroon of Staten Island.

Higher than the perfect song

· For which love longeth,

Is the tender fear of wrong

That never wrongeth.

BAYARD TAYLOR.

February 21

- 1682 A Virginia Printer was forbidden to print anything until his majesty's pleasure in England should be known.

I knew him tyrannous ; and tyrants' fears
Decrease not, but grow faster than the years.

SHAKESPEARE.

February 22

- 1677 Major Walderne started on an expedition up the Kennebec River against the Eastern Indians.

And tho' I hope not hence unscath'd to go,
Who conquers me shall find a stubborn foe.

BYRON.

February 23

- 1716 A public clock was ordered for New York.

The clock upbraids me with the waste of time.

SHAKESPEARE.

February 24

1704 Indian Massacre at Deerfield, Mass.

Cruelty, like every other vice, requires only opportunity.

GEORGE ELIOT.

February 25

1643 The Council of New Amsterdam declared war with the Indians.

Cry "Havoc" and let slip the dogs of war.

SHAKESPEARE.

February 26

1656 The first Fire Wardens were appointed by the Dutch for New Amsterdam.

A little fire is quickly trodden out ;
Which, being suffered, rivers cannot quench.

SHAKESPEARE.

February 27

1677 Major Walderne had an encounter with hostile Indians at Penobscot, Me.

If we are marked to die, we are enow
To do our country loss ; and if to live,
The fewer men, the greater share of honour.

SHAKESPEARE.

February 28

1665 A Convention was called to meet in New York to ratify a code of laws for the Colony.

Laws are not invented ; they grow out of circumstances.

AZARIAS.

March 1

- 1670 The "Constitutions" for the Carolinas were signed by the king, but were not acceptable to the people.

The great thing in this world is not so much where we stand, as in what direction we are moving.

HOLMES.

March 2

- 1764 Date of the Charter of Brown University.

Learning by study must be won ;
'T was ne'er entailed from sire to son.

GAY.

March 3

- 1636 The Massachusetts Council granted temporary commissions to four companies about to settle Connecticut.

But Heaven hath a hand in these events,
To whose high Will be bound our calm contents.

SHAKESPEARE.

March 4

- 1629 First Charter of the Massachusetts Bay Colony granted.

The Providence that watches over the affairs of men works out of their mistakes at times a healthier issue than could have been accomplished by their wisest forethought.

FROUDE.

March 5

- 1750 The first Theatrical Performance in New York City.

The stage I chose—a subject fair and free,
'T is yours—'t is mine—'t is public property.
All common exhibitions open lie,
For praise or censure, to the common eye.

CHURCHILL.



March 6

- 1769 Vermont was separated from New York as a distinct Colony.

Thy spirit, Independence, let me share ;
Lord of the lion heart and eagle eye.
Thy steps I follow with my bosom bare
Nor heed the storm that howls along the sky.
SMOLLETT.

March 7

- 1763 The Ministers and Elders of the French Church in New York applied for a Charter.

His faith, perhaps, in some nice tenets might
Be wrong ; his life, I'm sure, was in the right.
COWLEY.

March 8

- 1638 Captain John Mason was appointed Major-General of the Connecticut forces.

In joys, in grief, in triumph, in retreat,
Great always, without aiming to be great.
ROSCOMMON.

March 9

- 1723 The French settlement of Old Town, Maine, was attacked and burned by Massachusetts troops.

One thing is forever good :
That one thing is Success.

EMERSON.

March 10

- 1643 The English House of Commons released Colonists from the oath of allegiance to King Charles I.

When liberty is gone
Life grows insipid and has lost its relish.

ADDISON.

March 11

- 1736 All beggars in New York were ordered by the Council to be put to hard labor.

Well, whiles I am a beggar, I will rail,
And say there is no sin, but to be rich ;
And being rich, my virtue then shall be
To say—there is no vice but beggary.

SHAKESPEARE.

March 12

- 1664 Long Island and New York were granted
by Charles II. to the Duke of York.

If you were born to honor, show it now ;
If put upon you, make the judgment good
That thought you worthy of it.

SHAKESPEARE.

March 13

- 1639 The name of "Harvard" was given to
the college at Cambridge, Mass.

Binding herself by statute to secure
For all the children whom her soil maintains
The rudiments of letters, and inform
The mind with moral and religious truth.

WORDSWORTH.

March 14

- 1644 A charter was granted to Rhode Island,
at the request of Roger Williams.

I must have liberty
Withal, as large a charter as the wind
To blow on whom I please.

SHAKESPEARE.

March 15

- 1653 First Public Debt of New Amsterdam created.

You say you nothing owe ; and so I say :
He only owes who something hath to pay.
MARTIAL.

March 16

- 1648 Taverns were first licensed in New Amsterdam by the Dutch.

Shall I not take mine ease in mine Inn ?
SHAKESPEARE.

March 17

- 1757 French attack on Fort William Henry at Lake George.

Then more fierce
The conflict grew : the din of arms, the yell
Of savage rage, the shriek of agony,
The groan of death, commingled in one sound
Of undistinguish'd horrors.
SOUTHEY.



March 18

- 1766 The Stamp Act was repealed by Parliament.

I rejoice that America has resisted.

WM. PITT.

March 19

- 1767 The third Liberty Pole was erected in New York City.

Liberty, like day,
Breaks on the soul, and by a flash from heaven
Fires all the faculties with glorious joy.

COWPER.

March 20

- 1687 Death of La Salle, the French discoverer of the Mississippi.

The boast of heraldry, the pomp of power,
And all that beauty, all that wealth e'er gave,
Await alike the inevitable hour,
The paths of glory lead but to the grave.

GRAY.

March 21

- 1733 Bowling Green in New York City was set apart as a Public Park.

Here on this grass plot, in this very place
To come and sport.

SHAKESPEARE.

March 22

- 1622 Massacre of Virginia Colonists by Indians at Jamestown and eighty other plantations.

One woe doth tread upon another's heel,
So fast they follow.

SHAKESPEARE.

March 23

- 1621 First regular Town Meeting held at Plymouth, when Gov. Carver was re-elected.

Oh, he sits high in all the people's hearts.

SHAKESPEARE.

March 24

- 1621 The first offender in New England was tried and convicted for insubordination and profanity.

Right lives by law, and law subsists by power ;
Disarm the shepherd, wolves the flock devour.

DRYDEN.

March 25

- 1609 The Hudson River was discovered by Hendrick Hudson.

Death makes no conquest of the conqueror,
For now he lives in fame.

SHAKESPEARE.

March 26

- 1676 Battle with Narragansett Indians at Rehoboth in which Capt. Michael Peirce and a company of Plymouth troops were killed.

Enough of merit has each honored name
To shine untarnished on the rolls of fame,
And add new lustre to the historic page.

DAVID HUMPHREYS.

March 27

- 1676 Capture of the Indian Chief Canonchet by Connecticut and Indian troops.

There is no nobler figure in all the annals of the American Indians. He was the real head and life of the Indians at war, and his capture was the death-blow to their hopes.

BODGE.

March 28

- 1676 Roger Williams attempted to restrain the Narragansett Indians from an attack on Providence.

Whate'er betides, by destiny 't is done ;
And better bear like men, than vainly seem to
shun.

DRYDEN.

March 29

- 1665 Gov. Nicolls attempted to quarter soldiers on the Dutch. An unpopular measure.

I do oppose
My patience to his fury ; and am armed
To suffer, with a quietness of spirit,
The very tyranny and rage of his.

SHAKESPEARE.

March 30

- 1752 Isabella Morris, widow of Gov. Morris of New York, died in her eightieth year.

A woman's rank
Lies in the fulness of her womanhood ;
Therein alone she is royal.

GEORGE ELIOT.

March 31

1653 Palisades were built to protect New York
against the Indians.

Would'st thou have a serpent sting thee twice?

SHAKESPEARE.

April 1

- 1765 The Stamp Act was passed by the House of Lords.

The merchants of Great Britain, trading to the Colonies, will not be among the last to wish for a repeal of the Act.

WASHINGTON.

April 2

- 1774 Gen. Gage became the last Royal Governor of Massachusetts.

Great Britain thought she was only to hold up the rod, and all would be hushed.

WASHINGTON.

April 3

- 1775 The Colonial Assembly of New York held its last session.

None of the Colonies will ever submit to the loss of their valuable rights and privileges, which are essential to the happiness of every Free State.

WASHINGTON.

April 4

- 1689 News of the Invasion of the Prince of Orange was received at Boston.

Every nation has a right to establish that form of Government under which it conceives it may live most happy.

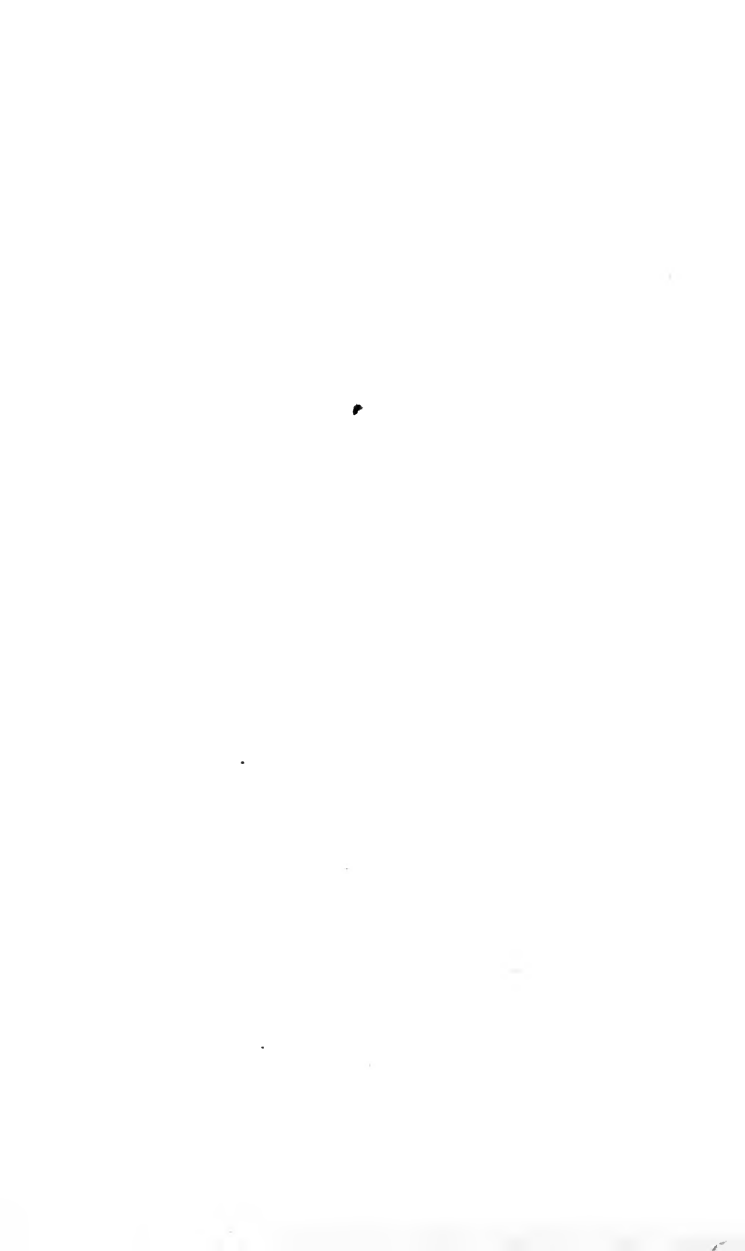
WASHINGTON.

April 5

- 1621 The Pilgrims at Plymouth levelled the graves of their dead, and sowed corn seed to hide the number from the Indians.

When Spring with dewy fingers cold
Returns to deck their hallowed mould,
She there shall dress a sweeter sod
Than Fancy's feet have ever trod.

WM. COLLINS.



April 6

- 1682 La Salle reached the mouth of the Mississippi River.

Through every rift of discovery some seeming anomaly drops out of the darkness, and falls, as a golden link, into the great chain of order.

CHAPIN.

April 7

- 1630 Date of the Letter of the Boston Colonists on board the *Arabella* to their "brethren in and of the Church of England."

The responsibility of tolerance lies with those who have the wider vision.

GEORGE ELIOT.

April 8

- 1638 Gov. Kieft of New Amsterdam organized his first Council.

Men give away nothing so liberally as their advice.

ROCHEFOUCAULD.

April 9

- 1682 La Salle discovered the mouth of the Mississippi.

He was the first to fully appreciate the importance of securing to France the two great valleys of this continent.

PATTON.

April 10

- 1606 The first Charter was granted to Virginia Colonists.

Who can answer where any road leads to?

MEREDITH.

April 11

- 1713 The Peace of Utrecht ended the War of the Spanish Succession.

Though usurpers sway the rule awhile,
Yet heavens are just, and time suppresseth
wrongs.

SHAKESPEARE.

April 12

- 1695 The votes of the New York Assembly were first printed.

No man should be a partisan in the sense of
one who votes for his party, right or wrong.

CROSBY.

April 13

- 1670 Date of the Deed of Staten Island from
the Indians to the Governor of New
York.

Since you will buckle fortune on my back,
To bear her burthen, whe'r I will, or no,
I must have patience to endure the load.

SHAKESPEARE.

April 14

- 1642 New Hampshire was annexed to Massa-
chusetts Colony, as a part of the Province.

You shall be a father to my youth ;
My voice shall sound as you do prompt mine
ear ;
And I will stoop and humble my intents
To your well-practised, wise direction.

SHAKESPEARE.

April 15

- 1638 First Sunday spent at New Haven by
the newly arrived Colonists.

The Sunday is the core of our civilization.

EMERSON.

April 16

- 1644 Death of Elder Brewster of the Plymouth Colony.

One voice only for peace, and that the voice of
the Elder.

LONGFELLOW.

April 17

- 1702 The Proprietors of New Jersey surrendered their power of government to Queen Anne.

Any man may make a mistake, but none but a
fool will continue in it.

CICERO.

April 18

- 1637 Massachusetts declared war against the Pequod Indians.

To kill, I grant, is sin's extremest gust ;
But in defence, by mercy, 't is most just.

SHAKESPEARE.

April 19

- 1672 Representative government was instituted by South Carolina.

It is the weakness and danger of republics, that the vices as well as the virtues of the people are represented in their legislation.

MRS. MARY H. HUNT.

April 20

- 1676 Rebellion in Virginia, under Nathaniel Bacon, against the Royal Government, in favour of self-government.

Self-defence is a virtue,
Sole bulwark of all right.

BYRON.

April 21

- 1676 Fight at Sudbury, Mass., with the Indians.

Oh ! 't is easy
To beget great deeds ; but in the rearing of
them—
The treading in cold blood each mean detail—
There lies the self-denial.

KINGSLEY.

April 22

- 1730 A Public Library was founded in New York.

Books should to one of these four ends conduce,
For wisdom, piety, delight, or use.

DENHAM.

April 23

- 1662 Royal Charter granted to the Patentees of Connecticut by Charles II.

It is better to be nobly remembered than nobly
born.

RUSKIN.

April 24

- 1704 First issue of the *Boston News Letter*, the first American newspaper.

Only a newspaper! quick read, quick lost;
Torn, trampled under feet; who counts thy
cost,
Star-eyed Intelligence.

CLEMMER.

April 25

- 1643 Treaty made between the Dutch of New Amsterdam and the Indian Sachem Oratrim.

Peace is rarely denied to the peaceful.

SCHILLER.

April 26

- 1607 Landing made by Virginia Colonists at Cape Henry.

This day we fashion Destiny, our web of Fate
we spin.

WHITTIER.

April 27

- 1686 Dongan Charter granted to New York City.

The three great ends for a statesman are, security to possessors, facility to acquirers, and liberty and hope to the people.

COLERIDGE.

April 28

- 1607 The Virginia Colonists discovered the mouth of the Delaware River.

That man may safely venture on his way,
Who is so guided that he cannot stray.

SCOTT.

April 29

- 1648 An ordinance was passed by the Dutch Council for the observance of Sunday.

Take the Sunday with you through the week,
And sweeten with it all the other days.

LONGFELLOW.

April 30

- 1758 The "German Flats" in New York were attacked by the French and Indians.

When Fortune means to men most good
She looks upon them with a threatening eye.

SHAKESPEARE.

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May 1

- 1690 The New England and New York Colonies resolved to attempt the conquest of Canada.

We are but the instruments of Heaven ; our work is not design, but destiny.

MEREDITH.

May 2

- 1746 Engagement in the Gulf of Mexico between Capt. Seymour in the *Snow Dragon* and Capt. Jefferis in the *Greyhound* and a Spanish ship of war.

Whoever commands the sea, commands the trade ; whoever commands the trade of the world, commands the riches of the world.

RALEIGH.



May 3

- 1717 Brunswick, Maine, was set off as a township.

At the bottom of the foundations of the American system lies the township.

DOUGLAS CAMPBELL.

May 4

- 1626 Peter Minuit became third Colonial Governor of New Netherlands.

Thou art a fellow of good respect ;
Thy life hath had some smatch of honour in it.

SHAKESPEARE.

May 5

- 1755 Philip Schuyler received a Captain's commission from Gov. De Lancy.

I do not think a braver gentleman,
More active-valiant, or more valiant-young,
More daring, or more bold, is now alive
To grace this latter age with noble deeds.

SHAKESPEARE.

May 6

- 1697 The Charter of Trinity Church, New York, was signed by William III.

Religion crowns the statesman and the man,
Sole solace of public and of private peace.
YOUNG.

May 7

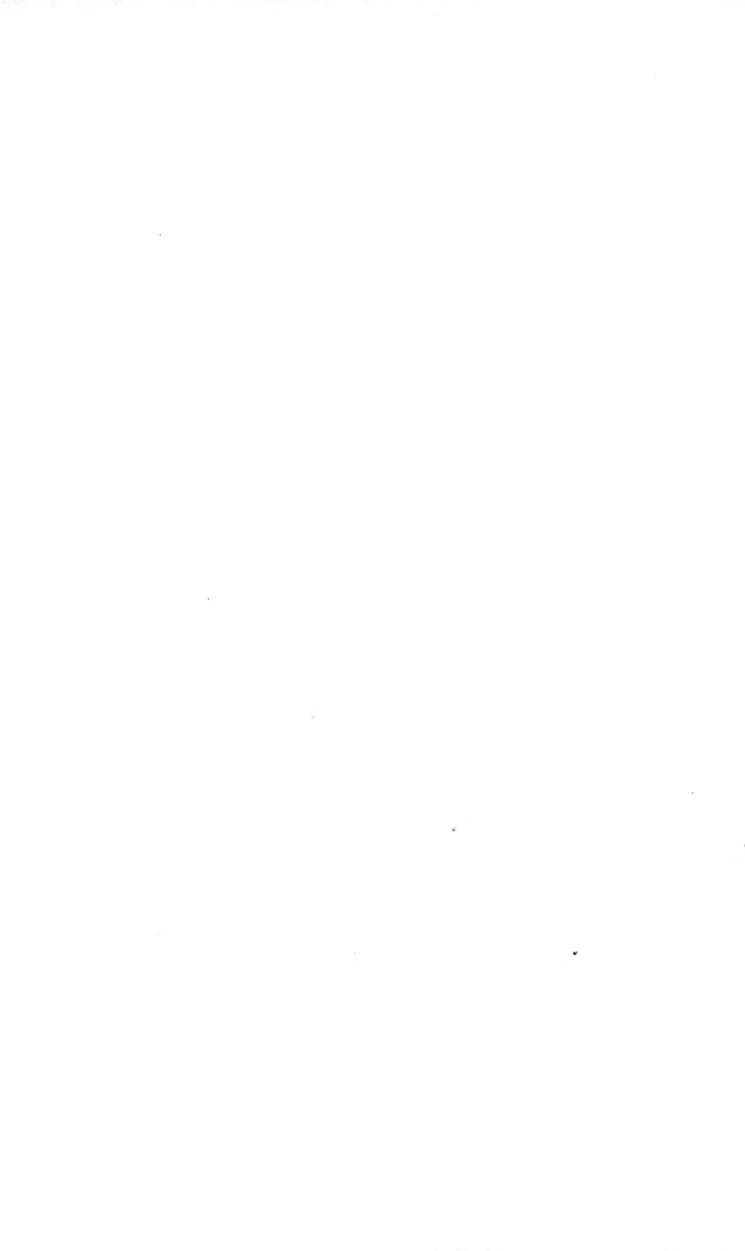
- 1725 Battle with Indians at Fryeburg, Maine.

A thousand glorious actions that might claim
Triumphant laurels and immortal fame
Confused in crowds of glorious actions lie,
And troops of heroes undistinguished die.
ADDISON.

May 8

- 1763 Pontiac and other chiefs held a Council with Major Henry Gladwin at the Fort in Detroit.

The iron will of one stout heart shall make a
thousand quail.
TUPPER.



May 9

- 1640 An ordinance was passed by New Amsterdam for the protection of the Indian cornfields.

Give him all kindness ; I had rather have
Such men my friends, than enemies.

SHAKESPEARE.

May 10

- 1676 An "epidemical cold" prevailed in New England, so that the military forces were disbanded for a season of recovery, by order of the Courts.

Winter lingering chills the lap of May.

GOLDSMITH.

May 11

- 1741 Executions in connection with the Negro Plot in New York began.

Justice, like lightning, ever should appear to
few men's ruin, but to all men's fear.

SWEETMAN.



May 12

- 1678 The King of France granted a monopoly
of trade on the Mississippi to La Salle.
He spread his sails with vantage to the gale of
others' passions.

B. JONSON.

May 13

- 1607 Arrival of the London Company Colo-
nists with Capt. Christopher Newport in
the James River, Virginia.

You brave heroic minds,
Worthy your country's name,
That honour still pursue,
Go and subdue ;
Whilst loitering hinds
Lurk here at home with shame.

MICHAEL DRAYTON.

May 14

- 1607 The London Company Colonists landed,
and established Jamestown.

In kenning of the shore
(Thanks to God first given),
O you the happiest men
Be frolic then.
Let cannon roar,
Frighting the wide heaven.

MICHAEL DRAYTON.

May 15

- 1760 The French shipping in Quebec harbour was destroyed by the Colonial forces.

Thus far our fortune keeps an upward course,
And we are graced with wreaths of victory.

SHAKESPEARE.

May 16

- 1691 Leisler and Milborne were hanged in New York for reputed treason.

Courage, if crowned with success, is heroism;
if clouded by defeat, temerity.

COLTON.

May 17

- 1760 Siege of Quebec raised by the French, and England left in possession of all Canada.

Peace the offspring is of Power.

BAYARD TAYLOR.

May 18

- 1731 The boundary line between New York and Massachusetts was settled.

Peace rules the day when reason rules the mind.

COLLINS.

May 19

- 1676 The " Falls Fight " under Captain
Turner.

No thought of flight,
None of retreat, no unbecoming deed
That argued fear ; each on himself relied
As only in his arm the moment lay
Of victory.

MILTON.

May 20

- 1690 Destruction of Falmouth, now Portland,
Me., by the French and Indians.

The good are better made by ill
As odours crushed are better still.

ROGERS.

May 21

- 1607 Capt. John Smith and his companions
started to discover the head of the James
River.

Screw your courage to the sticking-place
And we 'll not fail.

SHAKESPEARE.

May 22

- 1637 The Hartford troops under Captain Mason persuaded the Mohegan Indians under Uncas to join them against the Pequods.

Yet hold it more humaue, more heavenly first
By winning words to conquer willing hearts,
And make persuasion do the work of fear.

MILTON.

May 23

- 1773 Battle of Sag Harbour, Long Island.

But when all is past, it is humbling to tread
O'er the weltering fields of the tombless dead.

BYRON.

May 24

- 1607 Captain Smith's company erected a cross on the islet near the Falls of the "Powhattan" River and changed its name to "James."

Let us think less of men and more of God.

BAILEY.

May 25

- 1637 Capt. John Mason arrived at the fort of Sassacus, chief of the Pequods.

The conflict deepens. On, ye brave,
Who rush to glory, or the grave!

CAMPBELL.

May 26

- 1637 Defeat and rout of the Pequod Indians under Sassacus, by Capt. John Mason and Uncas.

Sassacoüs, now no more
Lord of a thousand bowmen, fled ;
And all the chiefs, his boast before,
Were mingled with the unhonoured dead.

EASTBURN.

May 27

- 1754 Date of a Poster of the New Theatre in Water Street, Philadelphia.

Will you see the players well bestowed?
They are the abstracts and brief chronicles of
the time.

SHAKESPEARE.



May 28

- 1690 Capture of Fort Loyal, at Portland, Me.,
by the French and Indians.

Who thinks that Fortune cannot change her
mind,

Prepares a dreadful jest for all mankind.

POPE.

May 29

- 1645 Some of the Indian sachems agreed to a
treaty of peace with the Dutch of New
Amsterdam.

The man who trusts men will make fewer mis-
takes than he who distrusts them.

CAVOUR.

May 30

- 1685 Date of Wm. Penn's great treaty with
the Indians for a large portion of Penn-
sylvania.

The land where the free soul of Penn
Still lingers and breathes over mountain and
glen,—

Where the words of the Charter of Liberty first

From the soul of the sage and the patriot burst,
Where first for the wronged and the weak of
their kind,
The Christian and Statesman their efforts combined.

WHITTIER.

May 31

1754 Washington succeeded Col. Joshua Fry
as colonel in command of the Ohio Expedition.

'T is much he dares ;
And, to that dauntless temper of his mind,
He hath a wisdom that doth guide his valour
To act in safety.

SHAKESPEARE.

June 1

- 1689 Leisler's Revolution in New York began.
Protest against King James's appointments.

The times are wild ; contention, like a horse
Full of high feeding, madly hath broke loose,
And bears down all before him.

SHAKESPEARE.

June 2

- 1692 The Court of Salem, Mass., began its
fateful trials for witchcraft.

That 's the worst tidings that I hear of yet.

SHAKESPEARE.

June 3

- 1621 Date of the Charter of the West India
Company granted by the States-General.

Trade is the golden girdle of the globe.

COWPER.

June 4

- 1647 Date of the New Haven Compact between Governor Eaton and Rev. John Davenport.

It is better for a city to be governed by a good man than even by good laws.

ARISTOTLE.

June 5

- 1747 Inoculation for smallpox was prohibited by Governor Clinton of New York.

None are too wise to be mistaken, but few are so wisely just as to acknowledge and correct their mistakes, and especially the mistakes of prejudice.

BARROW.

June 6

- 1625 Sarah Rapelje was born at Albany, the first white child born in New Netherlands.

Ah ! what would the world be to us.

If the children were no more ?

We should dread the desert behind us,

Worse than the dark before.

LONGFELLOW.

June 7

- 1629 Charters were first granted to Patroons in New Netherlands.

Fortune gives too much to many, but to none enough.

MARTIAL.

June 8

- 1709 Paper money was first authorised by law in New York.

Society is built upon trust, and trust upon confidence in one another's integrity.

SOUTH.

June 9

- 1732 A Charter was granted to Georgia as a separate Colony.

And so without more circumstance at all,
I hold it fit, that we shake hands and part.

SHAKESPEARE.

June 10

- 1607 Capt. John Smith was sworn in as a member of the Jamestown Council.

There is a kind of character in thy life
That to the observer doth thy history
Fully unfold.

SHAKESPEARE.

June 11

- 1610 The first Dutch emigrants landed at New Netherlands.

Home, kindred, friends, and country—these
Are things with which we never part ;
From clime to clime, o'er land and seas,
We bear them with us in our heart.

MONTGOMERY.

June 12

- 1630 John Winthrop and others of the Massachusetts Bay Colony arrived at Salem.

As slow our ship her foaming track
Against the wind was clearing,
Her trembling pennant still looked back,
To that dear isle 't was leaving.

MOORE.

June 13

- 1764 Sandy Hook Lighthouse was lighted for the first time.

The rocky ledge runs far into the sea,
And on its outer point, some miles away,
The Lighthouse lifts its massive masonry,
A pillar of fire by night, of cloud by day.

LONGFELLOW.

June 14

- 1639 Date of original agreement to elect Town officers at New Haven.

Five things are requisite to a good officer—ability, clean hands, despatch, patience, and impartiality.

PENN.

June 15

- 1607 The Fort at Jamestown was finished.

Old cradle of an infant world,
In which a nestling empire lay,
Struggling awhile, ere she unfurled
Her gallant wing, and soared away.

PAULDING.

June 16

- 1701 Date of Charter of the "Society for Propagating the Gospel in Foreign Parts," especially New England and New York. (Founded June 23d. Organised June 27th.)

If our religion is not true, we are bound to change it; if it is true, we are bound to propagate it.

WHATELY.



June 17

- 1745 Capture of Louisburg, Cape Breton, by the Colonial army and British fleet.

The Western World and Pepperell now may claim

As equal Honour and as lasting fame ;

And Warren's Merit will in story last

Till future Ages have forgot the past.

N. Y. Weekly Post Boy.

June 18

- 1621 Two of the Pilgrim Colonists, servants of Mr. Hopkins, fought a duel with swords.

Part, fools !

Put up your swords : you know not what you do.

SHAKESPEARE.

June 19

- 1619 The first General Assembly of Burgesses met in Virginia.

O Freedom—

Thy birthright was not given by human hands ;

Thou wert twin-born with man.

BRYANT.

June 20

- 1632 Date of Charter granted to Maryland.
A word spoken in season, at the right moment,
is the matter of ages.

CARLYLE.

June 21

- 1607 First Service and Communion held at
Jamestown by the Rev. Robt. Hunt.

First worship God : he that forgets to pray,
Bids not himself good-morrow or good-day.

RANDOLPH.

June 22

- 1673 Marquette and Joliet, the first white men
in Ohio, made peace with the Illinois
Indians.

Out of this nettle, danger, we pluck this flower,
safety.

SHAKESPEARE.

June 23

- 1648 Fire Wardens were first appointed in
New Amsterdam.

Wise distrust and constant watchfulness are the
parents of safety.

SECKER.

June 24

- 1675 King Philip's War began at Swansea, Mass.

War ought never to be accepted until it is forced upon us by the hand of necessity.

SIDNEY.

June 25

- 1711 The English fleet, for the conquest of Canada, arrived in Boston harbour.

Behold the threaten sails,
Borne with the invisible and creeping wind,
Draw the huge bottoms through the furrow'd
sea,
Breasting the lofty surge.

SHAKESPEARE.

June 26

- 1637 The ships *Hector* and *Martin* arrived at Boston with Colonists.

Like sister sails that drift at night
Together on the deep.

RUSKIN.



June 27

- 1704 Act passed in New York granting privilege and powers to the Church of England in New York City.

Be thou the first true merit to befriend :
His praise is lost, who stays till all commend.

POPE.

June 28

- 1670 Governor Lovelace guaranteed the salary of an orthodox Dutch minister at New York.

I venerate the man whose heart is warm,
Whose hands are pure, whose doctrine and
whose life,
Coincident, exhibit lucid proof
That he is honest in the sacred cause.

COWPER.

June 29

- 1759 Gen. Robert Monkton occupied Point Levi, opposite Quebec.

On the summit, see,
The seals of office glitter in his eyes ;
He climbs, he pants, he grasps them.

COWPER.

June 30

1763 The Fort at Detroit received reinforcements, during its seige, under Major Gladwin.

This accident and flood of fortune
So far exceed all instance, all discourse,
That I am ready to distrust mine eyes,
And wrangle with my reason that persuades me
To any other trust.

SHAKESPEARE.

July 1

- 1636 Hartford, Conn., was settled by a company under the Rev. Thomas Hooker.

He builded better than he knew ;
The conscious stone to beauty grew.

EMERSON.

July 2

- 1675 General Gookin was ordered to raise a company of Christian Indians for the Mount Hope campaign.

Love, hope, fear, faith—these make humanity ;
These are its signs, and note, and character.

BROWNING.

July 3

- 1756 General Bradstreet defeated the French and Indians near Oswego.

Strong souls
Live like fire-hearted suns to spend their
strength
In furthest striving action.

GEORGE ELIOT.

July 4

- 1763 Major Gladwin read the treaty between
England and France at Detroit, by which
all western lands were secured to the
English.

England, our Mother's Mother !

Come and see

A greater England here !

O come and be

At home with us, your children, for there runs
The same blood in our veins as in your sons.

STODDARD.

July 5

- 1621 Massasoit, the Indian King, received two
of the Pilgrim Colonists, and confirmed
peace and friendship with Plymouth.

Great souls by instinct to each other turn,
Demand alliance, and in friendship burn.

ADDISON.

July 6

- 1758 Death of Lord Howe at Lake George,
near Fort Ticonderoga.

A truer, nobler, trustier heart,
More loving, or more loyal, never beat
Within a human breast.

BYRON.

July 7

- 1691 A tax of half a penny a pound was levied
to meet the debt of New York City.

Who nothing has to lose, the war bewails ;
And he who nothing pays, at taxes rails.

CONGREVE.

July 8

- 1663 Date of the Rhode Island Charter.

Great hearts have largest room to bless the
small ;

Strong natures give the weaker home and rest.

LUCY LARCOM.

July 9

- 1755 General Braddock defeated in the Fort Duquesne Expedition. Retreat effected by Washington's valour and skill.

The most disgraceful and scandalous defeat that ever was heard of.

DANIEL DULANY.

July 10

- 1759 General Wolfe encamped at Montmorency, preparatory to attack on Quebec.

No great deed is done by falterers who ask for certainty.

GEORGE ELIOT.

July 11

- 1656 The French settled at Onandaga, New York.

All human projects are so faintly framed,
So feebly planned, so liable to change,
So mixed with error in their very form,
That mutable and mortal are the same.

HANNAH MORE.

July 12

- 1756 General Bradstreet arrived in Albany on his return from Fort Oswego, which he had fortified and provisioned.

Let every eye negotiate for itself
And trust no agent.

SHAKESPEARE.

July 13

- 1673 Frontenac held a Council with the Iroquois and received the name of "Onondis."

'T is thus that on the choice of friends
Our good or evil name depends.

GAY.

July 14

- 1675 Mendon, Mass., was attacked by the Indians.

Nothing is a misery
Unless our weakness apprehend it so.

BEAUMONT and FLETCHER.

July 15

- 1759 General Prideaux was killed in the battle at Fort Niagara.

It is held
That valour is the chiefest virtue, and
Most dignifies the haver ; if it be,
The man I speak of cannot in the world
Be singly counterpois'd.

SHAKESPEARE.

July 16

- 1640 The first serious measures were taken by New Amsterdam against the hostile Indians.

Cease to consult, the time for action calls,
War, horrid war, approaches to your walls.

POPE.

July 17

- 1673 Marquette and Joliet ascended the Mississippi as far as the Illinois River.

Fame is the fragrance of heroic deeds.

LONGFELLOW.

July 18

- 1759 General Wolfe reconnoitred the fleet on the St. Lawrence before Quebec.

Now all the youth of England are on fire,
And silken dalliance in the wardrobe lies ;
Now thrive the armourers, and honour's thought
Reigns solely in the breast of every man.

SHAKESPEARE.

July 19

- 1656 An ordinance was passed forbidding Indians to carry a gun or other weapon in New Amsterdam.

Let 's teach ourselves that honourable stop,
Not to outsport discretion.

SHAKESPEARE.

July 20

- 1764 The boundary line between New York and Connecticut was settled by Royal order in Privy Council.

Now join your hands, and with your hands your
hearts,
That no dissension hinder government.

SHAKESPEARE.

July 21

- 1715 Act passed in New York to oblige citizens of each ward to pay their quota of taxes.

What is 't to us if taxes rise or fall?
Thanks to our fortune, we pay none at all.
CHURCHILL.

July 22

- 1686 Date of the Incorporation of Albany under Dongan's Charter.

Men well governed should seek after no other liberty, for there can be no greater liberty than a good government.

RALEIGH.

July 23

- 1758 General Putnam was saved from torture by the valour of a French officer.

The truly brave
When they behold the brave oppress'd with
odds,
Are touched with a desire to shield and save.
BYRON.

July 24

- 1621 Virginia received its first written Constitution.

The best of all governments is that which teaches us to govern ourselves.

GOETHE.

July 25

- 1759 Fort Niagara was reduced by Sir William Johnson.

Thus far into the bowels of the land
Have we march'd on without impediment.

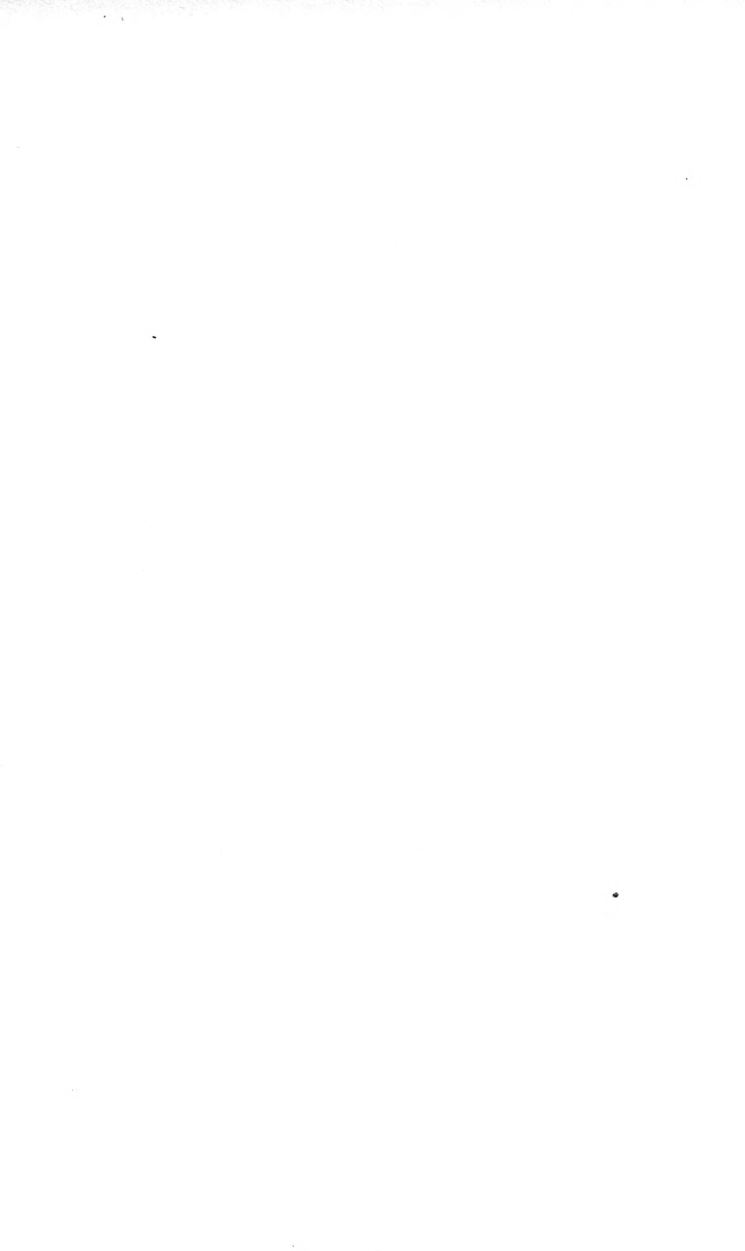
SHAKESPEARE.

July 26

- 1649 The Dutch settlers of New Amsterdam applied to Holland for a Charter.

Government is not mere advice ; it is authority, with power to enforce its laws.

WASHINGTON.



July 27

- 1661 Schenectady was "purified" from Indians.

If it were done, when 'tis done, then 't were
well

It were done quickly.

SHAKESPEARE.

July 28

- 1646 Petros Stuyvesant was commissioned Director of the New Netherlands.

If honour calls, where'er she points the way,
The sons of honour follow, and obey.

CHURCHILL.

July 29

- 1677 Captain Swett had a severe encounter with the Indians at Black Point, Me.

No man can answer for his courage who has
never been in danger.

ROCHEFOUCAULD.

July 30

- 1619 The first Virginia House of Burgesses met at Jamestown.

The worth of a state, in the long run, is the worth of the individuals composing it.

J. STUART MILL.

July 31

- 1607 The *Gift of God* and the *Mary and John* arrived at Monhegan, Me., with 120 planters under Capt. George Popham.

Enterprises of great pith and moment.

SHAKESPEARE.

August 1

- 1759 The French abandoned Crown Point.
Withdraw thy action, and depart in peace ;
The remedy is worse than the disease.
JUVENAL.
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August 2

- 1675 Battle with Indians at Brookfield, Mass.
Hand to hand, and foot to foot,
Nothing there, save death, was mute ;
Stroke and thrust, and flash and cry
For quarter, or for victory.
BYRON.
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August 3

- 1715 Call issued for enlistment of troops to
garrison the Fort at Brunswick, Me.

When clouds are seen wise men put on their
cloaks ;

When great leaves fall, then winter is at hand.

SHAKESPEARE.

August 4

- 1735 Trial of Zenger, the editor, for libel
against the Government of New York.
Defended by Andrew Hamilton.

Contention, like a horse

Full of high feeding, madly hath broke loose.

SHAKESPEARE.

August 5

- 1620 The Pilgrims first sailed from Southamp-
ton, England.

Here the free spirit of mankind at length

Throws its last fetters off ; and who shall place

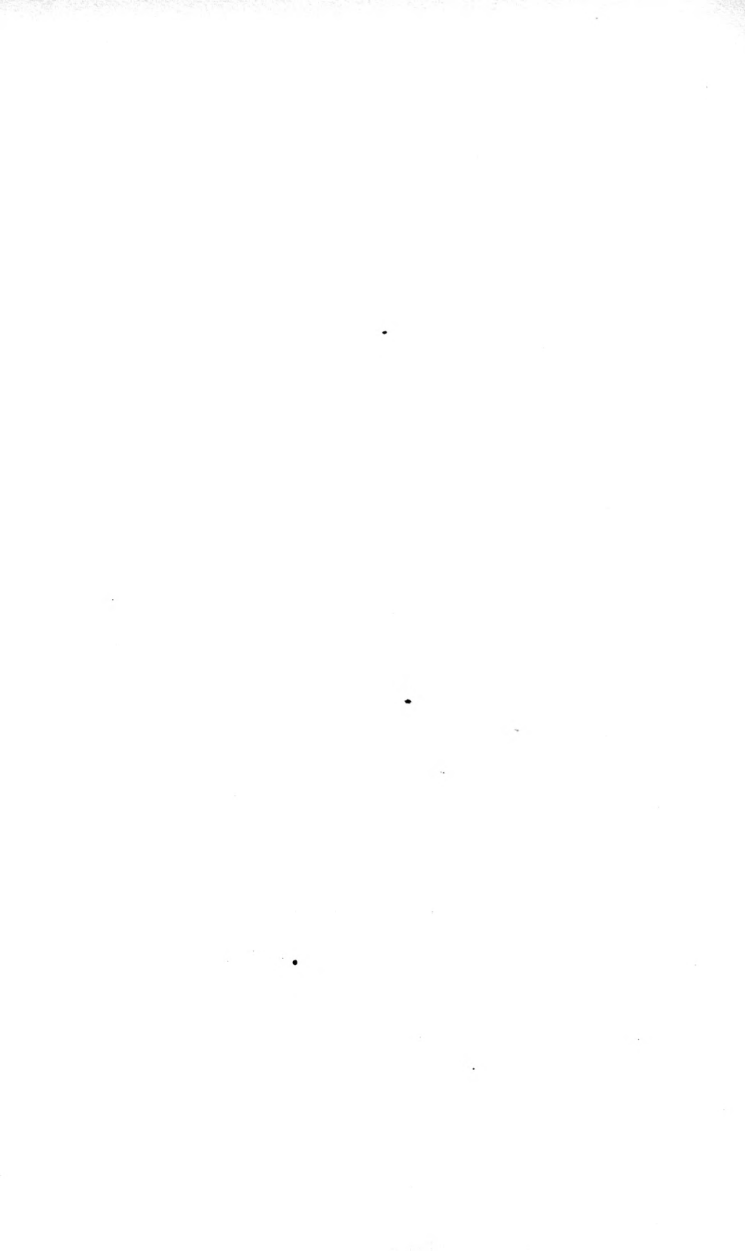
A limit to the giant's unchained strength,

Or curb his swiftness in the forward race ?

BRYANT.

August 6

- 1629 The Salem Colonists ordained their own
minister, the first lay ordination, and
published their covenant.



A sect whose chief devotion lies
In odd perverse antipathies:
In falling out with that and this,
And finding somewhat still amiss.

BUTLER.

August 7

- 1679 The ship *Griffin* sailed from Niagara
River to the Upper Lakes.

How gloriously her gallant course she goes!
Her white wings flying—
She walks the waters like a thing of life.

BYRON.

August 8

- 1757 Surrender of Fort William Henry to
Montcalm.

There is no contending with necessity, and we
should be very tender how we censure those
that submit to it.

L'ESTRANGE.

August 9

- 1690 General Phips's expedition against Que-
bec sailed from Nantasket.

Full many a vessel threads the gates of morn
With spreading sails, and gold upon its prow,
That ere the eve will bend beneath the storm.

ANNA K. GREEN.

August 10

- 1766 British soldiers cut down the Liberty Pole
on the Common in New York.

Some act first, think afterward, and then repent
for ever.

C. SIMMONS.

August 11

- 1762 Havana capitulated to the English forces.

'T is one thing to be at liberty to do what we
will, and another thing to be tied up to do what
we must.

L'ESTRANGE.

August 12

- 1676 Death of King Philip, the Indian Chief.

Such a house broke !

So noble a master fallen ! All gone and not
One friend to take his fortune by the arm
And go along with him.

SHAKESPEARE.

August 13

- 1730 Governor Montgomerie gave a warrant to
the Attorney-General to prepare a new
Charter for New York.

Not in vain the distance beacons,
Forward, forward let us range.
Let the great world spin for ever down the ring-
ing grooves of change.

TENNYSON.

August 14

1621 An expedition against the hostile Indians
was undertaken by Captain Standish.

Figures ten in the mist marched slowly out of
the village,
Standish the stalwart it was, with eight of his
valorous army,
Led by their Indian guide, by Hobomok, friend
of the white man.
Northward marching to quell the sudden revolt
of the savage.

LONGFELLOW.

August 15

1696 Fort Pemaquid, Me., was captured and
destroyed by the French and Indians.

No evil is without its compensation.

SENECA.

August 16

- 1607 The Popham Colonists entered the Kennebec River in Maine, in the *Mary and John* and the *Gift of God*.

Bearing their birthrights proudly on their backs,
To make a hazard of new fortunes here.

SHAKESPEARE.

August 17

- 1673 New York changed to New Orange on temporary restoration of Dutch government.

The end crowns all :
And that old common arbitrator, Time,
Will one day end it.

SHAKESPEARE.

August 18

- 1587 Birth of Virginia Dare, daughter of Ananias Dare and Eleanor White, the daughter of the Governor of Roanoke Colony.

As pure as a pearl,
And as perfect, a noble and innocent girl.

MEREDITH.

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August 19

- 1692 Five persons were hanged for witchcraft at Salem, Rev. George Burroughs among them.

Then wholesome laws relieved the Church
Of heretic and mischief maker,
And priest and bailiff joined in search,
By turns, of Papist, witch, and Quaker.

WHITTIER.

August 20

- 1752 Rev. Dr. James MacSparran wrote a letter to Col. Henry Cary on "America Dissected."

America ! half-brother of the world !
With something good and bad of every land.
Greater than thee have lost their seat—
Greater scarce none can stand.

BAILEY.

August 21

- 1770 Statue of George III. was erected in the Bowling Green, New York.

The voice of any people is the sword
That guards them, or the sword that beats them
down.

TENNYSON.

August 22

- 1711 The fleet under Admiral Walker on its way to Quebec ran aground, and the expedition against Canada was abandoned.

What fates impose, that men must needs abide.
It boots not to resist both wind and tide.

SHAKESPEARE.

August 23

- 1756 The first stone of King's College, Columbia University, was laid.

Build to-day, then, strong and sure,
With a firm and ample base ;
And ascending and secure,
Shall to-morrow find its place.

LONGFELLOW.

August 24

- 1678 H. H. Obe was appointed the Drummer for New York City.

Oh, once I was a drummer boy
And wore a gay cockade,
And merrily marched with rub-a-dub
Around the green parade.

SIDNEY DYER.

August 25

- 1675 Fight with Indians at Sugar-Loaf Hill,
Mass.

What boots the oft-repeated tale of strife,
The feast of vultures, and the waste of life?
The varying fortune of each separate field,
The fierce that vanquish, and the faint that
yield?

BYRON.

August 26

- 1629 John Winthrop, Thomas Dudley, and
others at Cambridge, England, cove-
nanted to go to New England, if a
Patent could be obtained.

Set on your foot ;
And with a heart new fired I follow you,
To do I know not what.

SHAKESPEARE.

August 27

- 1664 New Amsterdam was surrendered to the
English by the Dutch, and became New
York.

Not all which we have been
Do we remain,
Nor on the dial-hearts of men
Do the years mark themselves in vain.

EDWARD E. SILL.

August 28

- 1619 About this date twenty negro slaves were brought in a Dutch man-of-war to the Virginia Colony.

O thou great Wrong, that through the slow-
paced years,
Didst hold thy millions fettered.

BRYANT.

August 29

- 1692 Governor Benjamin Fletcher arrived at New York.

I grant him—
Luxurious, avaricious, false, deceitful,
Sudden, malicious, smacking of every sin
That has a name.

SHAKESPEARE.

August 30

- 1675 The Christian Indian forces were disbanded by order of the Massachusetts Council.

Our doubts are traitors,
And make us lose the good we oft might win,
By fearing to attempt.

SHAKESPEARE.

August 31

1764 Colonel Gladwin was relieved of his command at Fort Detroit, the French having been entirely dispossessed of this part of the country.

Thus the whirligig of Time brings in his revenges.

SHAKESPEARE.



September 1

- 1675 Massacre at Deerfield, Mass., in King Philip's War.

Forbear to judge, for we are sinners all.

SHAKESPEARE.

September 2

- 1675 Massacre at Northfield, Mass., in King Philip's War.

From panic, pride, and terror,
Revenge that knows no rein—
Light haste and lawless error,
Protect us yet again.

KIPLING.

September 3

- 1755 The name of Lake S. Sacrament changed to Lake George.

So keep thy name, Lake George, said I,
And bear to latest day
The memory of our primal age,
And England's early sway.

COXE.

September 4

- 1774 The first Continental Congress met at Philadelphia.

The distinctions between Colonists are no more.
I am not a Virginian, but an American.

PATRICK HENRY.

September 5

- 1755 Colonel Ephraim Williams slain, in the defeat of the French and Indians at Fort Edward, New York.

The trumpet sounds retreat : the day is ours.
Come, let us to the highest of the field,
To see what friends are living, who are dead.

SHAKESPEARE.

September 6

- 1609 A boat's crew from Hendrick Hudson's ship rowed up through the Narrows and discovered Manhattan Island.

He that hath the steerage of my course,
Direct my sail.

SHAKESPEARE.

September 7

- 1643 First meeting of the New England Confederacy, at which John Winthrop was elected Governor of New England.

Our fathers to their graves have gone ;
Their strife is past—their triumph won ;
But sterner trials wait the race
Which rises in their honoured place.

WHITTIER.

September 8

- 1755 The battle of Lake George, under Generals Johnson and Lyman.

The Mohawk war-whoop howled agen,
I heard St. Deny's charge.
And then the volleyed musketry
Of England and St. George,
The vale, the rocks, the cradling hills,
From echoing rank to rank,
Rang back the warlike rhetoric
Of Huron and of Frank.

COXE.

September 9

- 1650 Andries Jansen was appointed the Schoolmaster of New Amsterdam.

And still they gazed, and still the wonder grew
That one small head could carry all he knew.

GOLDSMITH.

September 10

- 1608 Capt. John Smith was elected President of the Virginia Colony.

He has done the work of a true man,
Crown him, honour him, love him.

WHITTIER.

September 11

- 1737 The Roxbury (Mass.) ministers and elders petitioned to have the " Bay Psalm Book " abolished.

Some to church repair,
Not for the doctrine, but the music there.

POPE.

September 12

- 1759 General Wolfe scaled the Heights of Abraham and confronted General Montcalm.

Courage mounteth with occasion.

SHAKESPEARE.

September 13

- 1759 The battle of Quebec, won by General Wolfe, which secured England's dominion over Canada.

" They run, they run ! "

" Who runs ? "

" The enemy, sir. "

" Now God be praised, I die happy. "

WOLFE.

September 14

- 1628 The Massachusetts Bay Colony was established at Salem.

We anticipate a time when the love of truth shall have come up to our love of liberty, and men shall be cordially tolerant and earnest believers both at once.

PHILLIPS BROOKS.

September 15

- 1655 New Amsterdam was attacked by the Indians armed with guns.

I shall the effect of this good lesson keep
As watchman to my heart.

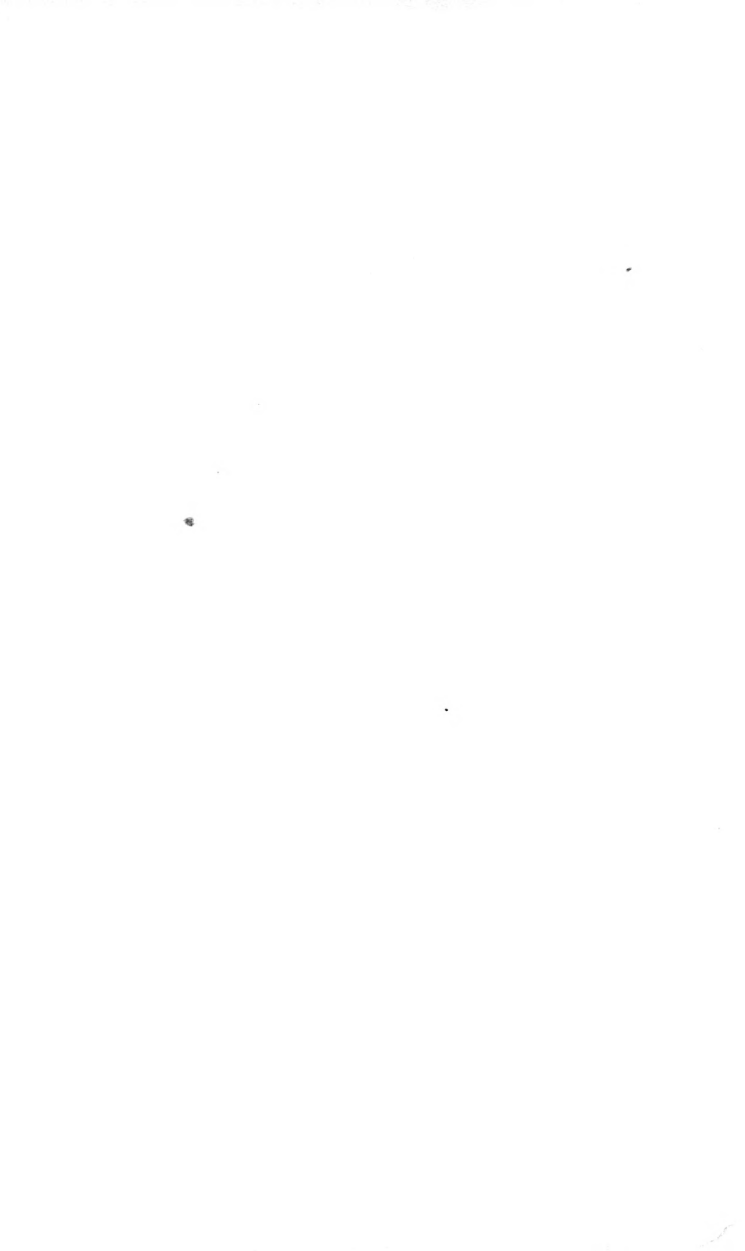
SHAKESPEARE.

September 16

- 1664 The Burgomasters describe the taking of New Amsterdam by the English, and date the official notice from " Yorck. "

What 's in a name ? That which we call a rose
By any other name would smell as sweet.

SHAKESPEARE.



September 17

- 1630 Boston was so named by the order of the Council.

One of the few, the immortal names,
That were not born to die.

FITZ-GREENE HALLECK.

September 18

- 1759 Quebec was formally surrendered to the English forces.

Necessity never made a good bargain.

FRANKLIN.

September 19

- 1720 First Presbyterian Church in New York incorporated.

I have not retained *all* the beliefs which I was taught. But I have retained the profoundest respect for the way in which I was taught them.

ELIZABETH STUART PHELPS.

September 20

- 1660 Charles II. was proclaimed King by the Virginia Burgesses.

He had the art of making all men grow fond of him at first. But when it appeared how little could be built on his promises, they were cured of the fondness.

BISHOP BURNET.

September 21

- 1609 Hendrick Hudson arrived at Albany.
Actions are ours ; their consequences belong to Heaven.

SIR PHILIP FRANCIS.

September 22

- 1693 The Colonial Assembly of New York passed an act to provide for the formation of Parishes in and about the City.
Progress is the activity of to-day, and the assurance of to-morrow.

EMERSON.

September 23

- 1709 Newburgh, N. Y., was settled.
Go forth to meet the shadowy future without fear, and with a manly heart.

LONGFELLOW.

September 24

- 1664 Fort Orange, Albany, surrendered to the English.

What I possess I would gladly retain.

GOETHE.

September 25

- 1647 Governor Stuyvesant granted a Charter to New Amsterdam.

He that will not apply new remedies must expect new evils.

BACON.

September 26

- 1768 General Gage arrived in Boston, as the last Royal Governor, with a force of British Regulars.

To these grievous acts and measures Americans cannot submit.

DECLARATION OF RIGHTS.

September 27

- 1763 The French at Detroit acknowledged the English supremacy.

The old order changeth, yielding place to new

And God fulfils Himself in many ways.

TENNYSON.

September 28

- 1648 The Fire Wardens of New Amsterdam were charged to see that all chimneys were kept clean.

Apprehended dangers may be always defended dangers.

SCOTT.

September 29

- 1689 The Mayor and Aldermen of New York City, elected by the vote of the people, held their first meeting.

This is what I call the American idea, a government of the people, by the people, and for the people.

THEODORE PARKER.

September 30

- 1682 Thomas Dongan became Governor of New York.

Self-reverence, self-knowledge, self-control,
These three alone lead life to sovereign power.

TENNYSON.

October 1

- 1755 Fort William Henry at Lake George was ordered built.

What boots it at one gate to make defence,
And at another to let in the foe?

MILTON.

October 2

- 1685 Date of the Deed of Philadelphia to William Penn.

The young city, round whose virgin zone
The rivers like two mighty arms were thrown,
Marked by the smoke of evening fires alone,
Lay in the distance, lovely even then
With its fair women, and its stately men,
Gracing the forest court of William Penn.

WHITTIER.

October 3

- 1635 Sir Henry Vane landed at Boston by the ship *Defiance*.

His years but young, his experience old ;
His head unmingled, but his judgment ripe ;
And, in a word (for far behind his worth
Come all the praises that I now bestow),
He is complete in feature and in mind
With all good grace to grace a gentleman.

SHAKESPEARE.

October 4

- 1609 Hendrick Hudson sailed from New Amsterdam for Holland.

Man, through all ages of revolving time,
Unchanging man, in every varying clime,
Deems his own land of every land the pride,
Belov'd of Heaven o'er all the world beside.

MONTGOMERY.

October 5

- 1675 Springfield, Mass., was sacked by the Indians.

Yet I argue not
Against Heaven's hand or will, nor bate a jot
Of heart or hope, but still bear up and steer
Right onward.

MILTON.

October 6

- 1669 A seal and silver mace were presented to New York City by the Duke of York.

A man may be a legal donor
Of anything whereof he 's owner.

BUTLER.

October 7

- 1765 The first Congress of American Colonies met in New York.

The age of virtuous politics is past,
And we are deep in that of cold pretence.
Patriots are grown too shrewd to be sincere,
And we too wise to trust them.

COWPER.

October 8

- 1755 The French began the building of the fort at Ticonderoga.

Heyday ! what a sweep of vanity comes this way !

SHAKESPEARE.

October 9

- 1654 Massachusetts troops, under Major Willard were mustered at Dedham to march against Ninigret who had oppressed the Pequod Indians.

The gods
Grow angry with your patience ; 't is their care,
And must be yours, that guilty men escape not.
As crimes do grow, justice should rouse itself.

BEN JONSON.

October 10

- 1615 A battle was fought between Champlain
and Indians in Western New York.

Each at the head
Levell'd his deadly aim ; their fatal hands
No second stroke intend.

MILTON.

October 11

- 1614 The term " New Netherlands " first used
in Colonial annals.

The proper means of increasing the love we
bear to our native country is to reside some time
in a foreign one.

SHENSTONE.

October 12

- 1665 John Shutte was licensed as the first
English Schoolmaster at Albany.

The Schoolmaster is abroad ; and I trust to him,
armed with his primer, against the soldier in
full military array.

BROUGHAM.

October 13

- 1655 The Indians demanded ransom for certain Dutch captives, which was refused.

I had rather chop this hand off at a blow,
And with the other fling it at thy face,
Than bear so low a sail, to strike to thee.

SHAKESPEARE.

October 14

- 1644 Birthday of William Penn.

Worth, courage, honour, these indeed
Your sustenance and birthright are.

STEDMAN.

October 15

- 1713 Excise laws were passed in New York.

Taxes are the sinews of the state.

CICERO.

October 16

- 1725 First Newspaper published in New York.

Turn to the press—its teeming sheets survey,
Big with the wonders of each passing day ;
Births, deaths, and weddings, forgeries, fires,
and wrecks,

Harangues and hailstones, brawls and broken
necks.

SPRAGUE.

October 17

- 1666 The French invaded the Mohawk Valley.

For he that hath but impudence
To all things has a fair pretence ;
And, put among his wants, his shame,
To all the world may lay his claim.

BUTLER.

October 18

- 1690 Troops were landed at Quebec under
Major Walley in expedition against
Canada.

We have scotch'd the snake, not killed it,
She 'll close, and be herself; while our poor
malice
Remains in danger of her former tooth.

SHAKESPEARE.

October 19

- 1630 First General Court was held at Boston.

For forms of government let fools contest ;
Whate'er is best administered is best.

POPE.

October 20

- 1629 John Winthrop was chosen Governor of Mass. Bay Colony before leaving England.

The force of his own merit makes his way,
A gift that Heaven gives for him, which buys
A place next to the king.

SHAKESPEARE.

October 21

- 1746 Date of Charter of Princeton College.

Knowledge is proud that he has learned so
much ;
Wisdom is humble that he knows no more.

COWPER.

October 22

- 1690 The attack on Quebec was abandoned by General Phips.

What though the field be lost !
All is not lost : the ungovernable will
And courage never to submit or yield ;
And, what is else, not to be overcome.

MILTON.

October 23

- 1765 The Stamps for duty-tax arrived in New York.

The speculative part of the Colonists look upon this unconstitutional method of taxation as a direful attack upon their liberties, and loudly exclaim against the violation.

WASHINGTON.

October 24

- 1686 Date of the Pokeepsie Patent.

The means that Heaven yields must be embraced,
And not neglected.

SHAKESPEARE.

October 25

- 1632 Governor Winthrop of Massachusetts and the Boston Pastor paid a visit to Plymouth, and spent the next Sunday with Governor Bradford and Elder Brewster.

Hand

Grasps hand, eye lights eye in good friendship,
And great hearts expand
And grow one in the sense of this world's life.

BROWNING.

October 26

- 1761 Governor Robert Monckton of New York arrived.

I will be true to you as blade to haft.
SCOTT.

October 27

- 1682 William Penn landed at Newcastle, Del., on his way to Philadelphia.

God's errands never fail.
WHITTIER.

October 28

- 1636 The Massachusetts Court made an appropriation of £400 for the establishment of a School or College.

The sure foundations of the State are laid in knowledge, not in ignorance.

CURTIS.

October 29

- 1682 William Penn arrived at Upland (Chester), Pa.

What thou wilt thou shalt rather enforce with thy smile, than hew to it with thy sword.

SHAKESPEARE.

October 30

- 1753 Washington received his first Commission
from Governor Dinwiddie of Virginia.

Heaven knows I had no such intent ;
But that necessity so bow'd the state
That I and greatness were compell'd to kiss.
SHAKESPEARE.

October 31

- 1687 The Charter of Connecticut was concealed
in the oak tree, to save it from surrender
to the Royal Governor, Andros.

Mighty alike for good or ill,
With motherland we fully share
The Saxon strength, the nerve of steel,
The tireless energy of will,
The power to do, the pride to dare.
WHITTIER.

November 1

- 1765 A meeting was held in New York to oppose the Stamp Act.

Let us see who will dare to put the Act into execution.

THE SONS OF LIBERTY.

November 2

- 1730 Twenty pounds reward was offered in New York for a horse-thief.

The thief doth fear each bush an officer.

SHAKESPEARE.

November 3

- 1621 The first observance of Thanksgiving Day, at Plymouth, begun on Thursday, closed with a state dinner on Saturday.

Or any ill escaped, or good attained, let us remember still

Heaven chalked the way that brought us thither.

SHAKESPEARE.

November 4

- 1677 William of Orange married Mary of England.

He, who was half myself!

One faith has ever bound us, and one reason
Guided our wills.

ROWE.

November 5

- 1714 The Pejepscot Company of Maine Proprietors bought Wharton's Grant.

I'll give thrice so much land

To any well-deserving friend ;

But in the way of bargain, mark ye me,

I'll cavil on the ninth part of a hair.

SHAKESPEARE.

November 6

- 1672 A law was passed that no person be allowed to travel in New York Colony without a passport.

Give me the ocular proof ;
Make me to see 't ; or at the least, so prove it
That the probations bear no hinge, nor loop
To hang a doubt on.

SHAKESPEARE.

November 7

1635 About this date a party of Plymouth Pilgrims settled on the Connecticut River.

Freedom all winged expands,
Nor perches in a narrow place ;
Her broad van seeks implanted lands,
She loves a poor and virtuous race.

EMERSON.

November 8

1715 Governor Hunter of New York sent the King's command to the Justices and Vestrymen of New York City with regard to the salary of the Rector of Trinity Church.

Why should not piety be made
As well as equity, a trade ?
And in a congregation pray,
No less than Chancery, for pay ?

BUTLER.

November 9

- 1683 First Charter granted New York by Governor Dongan.

Men who their duties know, but know their rights, and knowing, dare maintain—these constitute a State.

SIR W. JONES.

November 10

- 1620 The *Mayflower* sighted the harbour of Cape Cod.

I have set my life upon a cast
And I will stand the hazard of the die.

SHAKESPEARE.

November 11

- 1620 The Pilgrim Colonists entered Cape Cod harbour, signed the *Mayflower* Compact and landed fifteen or sixteen men to explore the coast.

The heavy night hung dark
The hills and waters o'er,
When a band of exiles moored their bark
On the wild New England shore.

HEMANS.

November 12

- 1620 The first Sunday spent by the Pilgrims in the new world. They remained on board the *Mayflower* all day.

Sunday is the core of our civilization, dedicated to thought and reverence.

EMERSON.

November 13

- 1697 The City Hall of New York being considered unsafe, the Council was directed to meet "next door."

The better part of valour is discretion,
In the which better part I have saved my life.

SHAKESPEARE.

November 14

- 1673 Instructions were given to the Under-Sheriff of New Orange with reference to his duties in the suburbs.

Man, proud man,
Drest in a little brief authority,
Most ignorant of what he's most assur'd.

SHAKESPEARE.

November 15

- 1637 "Newetowne," now Cambridge, Mass., was fixed upon as the place for "the College."

An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest.

FRANKLIN.

November 16

- 1745 Massacre at Saratoga by the French.

Man's inhumanity to man makes countless thousands mourn.

BURNS.

November 17

- 1739 An act was passed to fortify the "Old Church" in Schenectady.

Necessity may render a doubtful act innocent, but it cannot make it praiseworthy.

JOUBERT.

November 18

- 1755 An earthquake in New York and New England known as "The Great Earthquake."

Diseased nature oftentimes breaks forth
In strange eruptions ; oft the teeming earth
Is with a kind of colic pinched and vex'd
By the imprisoning of unruly wind.

SHAKESPEARE.

November 19

- 1621 The *Fortune* arrived at Plymouth with
new emigrants in a time of scarcity.

Wherever souls are being tried and ripened, in
whatever commonplace and homely ways, there
God is hewing out the pillars for His temple.

PHILLIPS BROOKS.

November 20

- 1637 The Governor of Massachusetts and
others were ordered by the Court to take
order for the College at Cambridge.

Neither piety, virtue, nor liberty can long flourish
in a community where the education of
youth is neglected.

COOPER.

November 21

- 1757 Entertainment was given to "worthy
Col. Peter Schuyler" on his return to
New York.

To say you are welcome were superfluous.

SHAKESPEARE.

November 22

- 1664 The subjected Dutch authorities of New Amsterdam wrote a loyal letter to James of York.

We, too, are friends to loyalty. We love
The king who loves the law, respects his
bounds
And reigns content within them.

Him we serve
Freely and with delight, who leaves us free.
But recollecting still that he is man,
We trust him not too far.

COWPER.

November 23

- 1676 An Indian of the Praying Band recovered his wife and child from Boston Prison, by order of the Court.

Impartiality is the life of justice, as justice is
of all good government.

JUSTINIAN.

November 24

- 1758 Fort Duquesne was captured by the Americans.

A victory is twice itself when the achievement
brings home full numbers.

SHAKESPEARE.

November 25

- 1758 The site of Fort Duquesne was named
"Pittsburgh" in honour of William Pitt.

The name that dwells on every tongue
No minstrel needs.

LONGFELLOW.

November 26

- 1644 The Village of "Breuchlyn," Long Island, was incorporated.

Let us watch well our beginnings, and results
will manage themselves.

ALEX. CLARK.

November 27

- 1676 The Great Fire in Boston.

Adversity, sage, useful guest,
Severe instructor, but the best ;
It is from thee alone we know
Justly to value things below.

SOMERVILLE.

November 28

- 1758 The dead at "Braddock's Field" near
Fort Duquesne were buried, after lying
on the battle-field three years.

The valiant never taste of death but once.

SHAKESPEARE.

November 29

- 1727 John Talbot, bishop by Nonjuror consecration, first bishop to come to North America, died at Burlington, N. J.

In his duty prompt at every call,
He watched, and wept, and felt, and prayed for
all.

GOLDSMITH.

November 30

- 1756 St. Andrew's Society of New York was instituted.

O Scotia ! my dear, my native soil !
For whom my warmest wish to Heaven is sent !
Long may thy hardy sons of rustic toil
Be blest with health and peace and sweet
content.

BURNS.

December 1

- 1699 England forbade woollen goods to be carried out of any American Plantation.

I know him tyrannous ; and tyrants' fears
Decrease not, but grow faster than the years.
SHAKESPEARE.

December 2

- 1680 La Salle embarked in a canoe at " the Rock " to go to the Mississippi.

Attempt the end, and never stand to doubt ;
Nothing 's so hard but search will find it out.
HERRICK.

December 3

- 1678 Thomas Delaval was appointed Judge of the Admiralty in New York.

No man e'er felt the halter draw
With good opinion of the law.
TRUMBULL.

December 4

- 1750 The Post went out of New York only once a fortnight during the winter season.

See, Winter comes to rule the varied year,
Sullen and sad, with all his rising train,
Vapours and clouds and storms.

THOMPSON.

December 5

- 1671 The Council of New York ordered that
£100 arrears of salary be paid to Domi-
nie Drisius.

What makes all doctrines plain and clear?
About two hundred pounds a year.

BUTLER.

December 6

- 1746 An act was passed to continue the Mili-
tary Watch at Albany.

In case of defence, 't is best to weigh
The enemy more mighty than he seems.

SHAKESPEARE.

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December 7

- 1620 Death of Dorothy Bradford of Plymouth.

What will not woman, gentle woman, dare
When strong affection stirs her spirit up !
SOUTHEY.

December 8

- 1620 The Pilgrim Colonists under Myles Standish had their first encounter with Indians, while exploring the coast between Cape Cod and Plymouth.

His valour is the salt to his other virtues.
BEN JONSON.

December 9

- 1675 Beginning of the Narragansett Campaign.

All was prepared, the fire, the sword, the men
To wield them in their terrible array.
The army, like a lion from his den,
March'd forth with nerves and sinews bent to
slay.

BYRON.

December 10

- 1672 A Proclamation was made that a Post between New York and Boston would begin on January 1st.

Any man that can write may answer a letter.
SHAKESPEARE.

December 11

- 1762 An act was passed in New York to quarter and billet the royal troops within the Colony.

I must bear
What is ordained with patience, being aware
Necessity doth front the universe
With an invincible gesture.
MRS. BROWNING.

December 12

- 1753 Act passed in New York to raise money by lottery towards founding King's College.

Bell, book, and candle shall not drive me back
When gold and silver becks me to come on.
SHAKESPEARE.

December 13

- 1636 The Massachusetts Bay Court ordered three regiments of militia to be formed within the colony.

To be prepared for war is one of the most effectual ways of preserving peace.

WASHINGTON.

December 14

- 1705 Carolina traders attacked the Spanish settlement at Ayavalla in Louisiana, and took many prisoners.

Nothing succeeds so well as success.

TALLEYRAND.

December 15

- 1620 The *Mayflower* attempted to run into Plymouth harbour, but it was driven back by the wind.

Endurance is the crowning quality,
And patience all the passion of great hearts.

LOWELL.



December 16

- 1773 The Boston Tea Party was held about seven o'clock in the evening.

Strong reasons make strong actions.

SHAKESPEARE.

December 17

- 1773 The Sons of Liberty, organized in 1765, held an important meeting in New York.

Liberty, when it begins to take root, is a plant of rapid growth.

WASHINGTON.

December 18

- 1766 The boundary line between New York and Canada was settled.

Peace hath her victories no less renowned than war.

MILTON.

December 19

- 1675 The Great Swamp Fight, in which the Narragansetts were driven out of their Fort by Massachusetts, Plymouth, and Connecticut forces.

Honourable descent is, in all nations, greatly esteemed. It is to be expected that the children of men of worth will be like their progenitors.

ARISTOTLE.

December 20

- 1686 Sir Edmund Andros landed at Boston as Royal Governor of all New England.

He hath no friends but what are friends for
fear ;

Which in his dearest need will fly from him.

SHAKESPEARE.

December 21

- 1620 "Forefathers Day." (Old Style, Monday, December 11th.)

Landing of the Pilgrim Colonists at Plymouth.

Aye, call it holy ground,

The soil where first they trod !

They have left unstained what there they
found—

Freedom to worship God.

HEMANS.

December 22

- 1715 South Carolina resolved on self-government, independent of their proprietors.

The greatest of all human benefits, that, at least, without which no other benefit can be truly enjoyed, is independence.

GODWIN.

December 23

1686 William Butler was chosen as the Chimney-sweeper for New York City.

Honour and shame from no condition rise,
Act well your part, there all the honour lies.

POPE.

December 24

1763 Jacob Arden, a butcher, violated the As-size Law, in New York, and was ordered to leave the market-place.

"Well, well," said Mr. Bumble, "every trade has its drawbacks."

DICKENS.

December 25

1620 First Christmas spent in New England by the Pilgrim Fathers, on board the *Mayflower*, whose master served them with beer.

Heap on more wood ! the wind is chill,
But let it whistle as it will,
We 'll keep our Christmas merry still.
SCOTT.

December 26

- 1759 Governor Lyttleton of South Carolina made a treaty with the Cherokee Indians which they treacherously broke.

Men are oftener treacherous through weakness than design.

ROCHEFOUCAULD.

December 27

- 1675 Captain Prentice destroyed one hundred wigwams at Warwick, Mass.

Necessity of action takes away the fear of the act, and makes bold resolution the favourite of fortune.

QUARLES.

December 28

- 1697 Four barrels of powder were ordered for saluting Governor Bellamont on his arrival at New York.

Sir, you are very welcome to our house,
It must appear in other ways than words.

SHAKESPEARE.

December 29

- 1773 Governor Tryon's home in the Fort at New York burned down.

We are always in the forge, or on the anvil ; by trials God is shaping us for higher things.

BEECHER.

December 30

- 1675 Firing of " pistells and other gunns " on New Year's Day, in New York, prohibited.

If all the year were playing holidays,
To sport would be as tedious as to work.
But when they seldom come, they wished for
come

And nothing pleaseth but rare accidents.

SHAKESPEARE.

December 31

- 1758 Washington retired from the Colonial Army at the age of twenty-six, after five years of service, highly commended by his officers.

As famous and as bold in war,
As he is famed for mildness, peace, and prayer.

SHAKESPEARE.

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